



Community Advocacy & Legal Centre

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***PRESS RELEASE***

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**BEYOND THE BASICS: HELPING VICTIMS OF CRIME  
CLAIM COMPENSATION**

Belleville, ON — On Monday, September 20, 2010, the Community Advocacy & Legal Centre, with support from the Quinte & District Victim's Fund, will host a day-long conference: **Beyond the Basics: Helping Victims of Crime Claim Compensation**. The conference will be held at the Greek Banquet Hall, 70 Harder Drive, Belleville, ON from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Local health and social service organizations, people in the helping professions and other members of the community who help victims of crime are invited. This conference is the first in a series of special events being organized to celebrate the clinic's 30th anniversary.

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) is a program funded by the Ontario government to provide compensation to victims of violent crime. The purpose of the conference is to increase awareness of available compensation and how to apply. Participants will have a better understanding how best to support victims who make a CICB claim. We hope to increase the number of people receiving compensation by ensuring the community is better informed about CICB awards as a valuable resource for victims of violence.

The Chair of CICB, Maureen Armstrong, will be the keynote speaker. The conference includes presentations on the CICB process, completing CICB applications, ways of increasing compensation through report writing by service providers, personal testimony of a CICB applicant, dealing with defense lawyers request for records, and the civil suit option.

If you are interested in attending please call or email the clinic at 613-966-8686, ext 30 or [clinicoutreach@communitylegalcentre.ca](mailto:clinicoutreach@communitylegalcentre.ca).

The Community Advocacy & Legal Centre (CALC) is a non-profit community legal clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario. The clinic was founded in 1980 and is currently staffed by lawyers, community legal workers, law clerks and support staff. We serve low income residents of Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington counties. Our main office is in Belleville, with satellite locations in Trenton, Picton, Napanee, Bancroft and Madoc.

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